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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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Today, the Madera Superior Court postponed the preliminary hearing for Jeronimo Ramirez Martinez, who is accused of double murders, with special circumstances, according to Michael Keitz, District Attorney for Madera County.

Martinez was arrested Saturday morning, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, following the discovery of two bodies in a residence in the Northeast section of Madera, by the Madera Police Department.

The special circumstances alleged against Martinez include multiple murder homicide and lying in wait. Martinez was also charged with committing the murders with a grape knife, a deadly weapon.

In court today, his defense counsel told the court he was unsure of his Martinez's mental competency. Judge Joseph A. Soldani then appointed three doctors to examine the defendant and ordered the parties to come back to court on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for a review of the reports.